AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME 2026/27

The programme of work for the Audit and Risk management Committee includes all reports of a statutory and legislative nature or are required to be reported to public sector audit committees during the municipal year for compliance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.

SCHEDULED PROGRAMME OF WORK BETWEEN JUNE 2026 AND MARCH 2027

Item	Committee Meeting	Lead Departmental Officer
12th January 2027		
Final Statement of Accounts for Wirral Council and Merseyside Pension Fund and Annual Governance Statement	January 2027	Director of Finance
External Audit Annual Audit Report and Audit Findings Report for Wirral Council and Merseyside Pension Fund	January 2027	Grant Thornton
Internal Audit Update	January 2027	Head of Risk & Compliance
Treasury Management Strategy 2027/28	January 2027	Director of Finance
Investment Strategy 2027/28	January 2027	Director of Finance
Statutory Accounts for Edsential CIC and Wirral Growth Company LLP	January 2027	Director of Finance
Health and Safety Annual Report	January 2027	Assistant Director for People & Organisational Culture
22nd March 2027		
Internal Audit Update	March 2027	Head of Risk & Compliance
ARMC Self-Assessment	March 2027	Head of Risk & Compliance
Internal Audit Plan 2027/28	March 2027	Head of Risk & Compliance
ARMC Effectiveness Review and Action Plan progress	March 2027	Head of Risk & Compliance
Assurance Mapping against Corporate Risk Register	March 2027	Risk, Continuity & Compliance Manager
Corporate Risk Management Update including action plan progress and annual Business Continuity report	March 2027	Risk, Continuity & Compliance Manager
Annual RIPA Update	March 2027	Director of Corporate Services

STANDING ITEMS AND MONITORING REPORTS

Item	Reporting Frequency	Lead Officer
Internal Audit Update	Every Meeting	Head of Risk & Compliance
Corporate Risk Register Update	Six-Monthly	Risk, Continuity & Compliance Manager
External Audit Annual Report Actions Update	Six-Monthly	Director of Finance
Work Programme Update	Every Meeting	Director of Law and Corporate Services

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS – WAITING TO BE SCHEDULED

Item	Brief Description	Approx. timescale	Lead Officer

WORK PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE COMMITTEE

Item	Format	Timescale	Lead Officer
Working Groups			
Spotlight sessions / workshops			
Quarterly Audit Member Training Session – Internal Audit	Workshops - Virtual	20 October 2026	Head of Risk & Compliance
Quarterly Audit Member Training Session – Financial management and accounting	Workshops - Virtual	December 2026 TBC	Finance
Quarterly Audit Member Training Session – values of good governance	Workshops - Virtual	March 2027 TBC	Legal Services
Briefing Notes			